Taking Refuge

I take refuge in my Gurus
I take refuge in the Buddha
I take refuge in the Dharma
I take refuge in the Sangha (3x)

Lama Tsong Khapa Guru Yoga

From the heart of the Lord of the Ganden devas emerge a brilliant white cloud, like a great mass of fresh yogurt. Atop sits Tsong Khapa, all-knowing King of Dharma. We request your coming to this place along with your great disciples.

My Lord Guru is seated before me on a lion throne, lotus and moon cushion. His white face smiles blissfully. Please remain many eons and serves as the supreme merit field for the growth of my mind of faith, and for the increase of Lord Buddha's teachings.

Your omniscient wisdom-mind encompasses all that is existent. Your speech is a profound teaching, which ornaments the ear of the fortunate. Your body's beautiful radiance evokes wondrous admiration. I prostate to you Lama Tsong Khapa, whom merely viewing, hearing or contemplating earns one great merit.

I present to you, supreme field of merit, Tsong Khapa, delightful offerings: pure sweet water, various flowers, fragrant incense, butterlamps, perfumes and more, both physical and mental offerings, vast as the clouds and wide as the ocean.

The unwholesome actions of body, speech and mind, I have accumulated since time without beginning, especially actions contrary to my three vows (Vinaya, Bodhisattva, Vajrayana), I regret extremely from the depths of my heart and reveal each and every such action.

We totally rejoice in your magnificent achievements, my Lord, you strove for knowledge and realization, abandoned the eight worldly concerns and made the most meaningful use of human life with the eighteen opportune conditions during these degenerate times.

Pray all you Holy Guru unerring in conduct, precipitate a rain of vast and profound Dharma, from the billowing clouds of wisdom and compassion which fill the Dharmakaya sky, providing for the field of disciples precisely what is needed.

May the Vajra Body created from the purity of clear light, free of the rising and setting of cyclic existence, but visible to the ordinary viewer only in its unsubtle, physical form, stay on unchanging, without waning, until samsara ends.



May the virtue that I and others accumulated Benefit Dharma and all sentient beings In particular, may it promote the teaching of Lama Tsongkhapa Je Tsong Khapa, crown jewel of the holy masters of the Land of Snows, you are Avalokiteshvara, great treasure of inconceivable compassion untainted by ego's delusion. You are Manjusri, powerful master with stainless wisdom.

You are Vajrapani destroyer of forces of demons. At your feet famed Lozang Dragpa, I humbly bow and earnestly request that all sentient beings achieve enlightenment.

(3X)

Glorious precious root Guru please takes the lotus seat at our crown, and in your kindness please care for us. Be-stow upon us the attainments of your body, speech and mind.

Glorious precious root Guru, please takes the lotus seat in our heart, and in your great kindness please care for us. Grant us your blessings for our temporal success and for the supreme attainment.

Glorious precious root Guru, please take the lotus seat in our heart and in your great kindness remain with us. Remain steadfast until we achieve the essence of Enlightenment.²

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Preceding the Seed of Wisdom Sutra

Unthinkable, inexpressible, wisdom gone beyond.
Unborn, unceasing, space like in essence.
Clearly perceived by wisdom mind.
Homage to the Mother of the Buddhas of the three times.

Seed of Wisdom Sutra (Mantra)

Gone, gone, gone beyond. Gone completely beyond, so be it! (3x)

Dedication

May eighty-thousand obstacles be pacified May we be free from unfavorable conditions May there be harmony and prosperity May such auspiciousness bring success here and now

Short Mandala Offering

By the virtue of offering to you assembly of Buddhas visualized before me, this mandala built on a base resplendent with flowers, saffron water and incense, adorned with Mount Meru and the four continents, as well as with the Sun and Moon. May all sentient beings share its effects.

IDAM GURU RATNA MANDALAKAM NIRYATAMI

Refuge and Development of Bodhicitta

I go for refuge until I am enlightened to the Buddhas, the Dharma and the highest assembly. From the virtuous merit of listening to the teachings, may I attain Buddhahood for the benefit of all sentient beings. (3X)